

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
ZERO TOLERANCE		6309
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**Zero Tolerance.** Each authorized charter school shall adopt a zero tolerance policy in accordance with state law to ensure the safety and security of all students and a learning environment which is free of drugs, violence, and firearms. The school shall annually report their zero tolerance policy and procedures to the State Board, which will annually file each charter school's zero tolerance policy and procedures with the Commissioner of Education.<sup>i</sup>

The Director of Schools shall have the ability to modify zero tolerance disciplinary actions on a case-by-case basis.<sup>ii</sup> State Board LEA Policy 6317 outlines requirements for modification of zero tolerance expulsions and appeal procedures.

**Gun-Free Schools.** Schools shall adopt a policy requiring the expulsion of any student for at least one (1) year who is found to have brought a firearm to school, pursuant to the Gun-Free Schools Act.

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Legal References:

<sup>i</sup> T.C.A. § 49-6-4216

<sup>ii</sup> T.C.A. § 49-6-3401(g)

Cross References:

Required Remands and Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6317